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SUBJECT: SENATE STAFFER CALLAHAN'S VISIT TO RWANDA

REF: STATE 162932 (NOTAL)

1. TOM CALLAHAN, DIRECTOR OF AFFRICAN AFFAIRS FOR THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, TRAVELED THROUGH UGANDA TO RWANDA ON JUNE 19 - 22. AMB. DAVID RAWSON AND HIS DELEGATION MET CALLAHAN BRIEFLY ON THE ROAD IN MBARARA ON JUNE 19, AS CALLAHAN WAS GOING

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DOWN TO RWANDA WITH ROGER WINTER AND A GROUP FROM AMERICARES. CALLAHAN PHONED THE EMBASSY EARLY ON JUNE 23 TO SAY HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO THE AIRPORT, BUT HE DID NOT HAVE TIME FOR A DEBRIEF WITH US.

2. THE UGANDAN GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY "THE NEW VISION" ON JUNE 23 DESCRIBED CALLAHAN AS A "U.S. SENATOR" AND QUOTED HIM AS OPPOSING THE FRENCH MILITARY INTERVENTION IN RWANDA. THE ARTICLE, ENTITLED "RPF - FRENCH TALKS COLLAPSE," INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING SECTION ON AN INTERVIEW WITH CALLAHAN (DATE AND PLACE NOT SPECIFIED):

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QUOTE. THE DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS AT THE UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS, MR. TOM CALLAHAN ALSO WARNED THAT FRANCE SHOULD REFRAIN FROM SENDING TROOPS TO RWANDA. THE SENATOR WAS IN MULINDI ON A SPECIAL MISSION TO MEET THE RPF BOSS.

THE U.S. ENVOY SAID IN AN INTERVIEW HE HAD RECEIVED REPORTS OF ALLEGED FRENCH SUPPLY OF WEAPONS,
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THE US SENATOR SAID THE ARMS PROJECT, ONE OF THE ORGANIZATIONS MONITORING THE SITUATION HERE, HAD WITNESSED FIRST HAND FRENCH MILITARY ACTIVITIES THAT ARE TANTAMOUNT TO DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR.

HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH MORE THAN HALF OF THE ORIGINAL RPA INVASION FORCE CAME FROM UGANDA, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ALLEGED RPF COMMANDS BEING ISSUED FROM UGANDA. END QUOTE.

3. MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SHIPPY

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